

NEWS.

M. CAMILLE SAUVAGEAU has been appointed professor of botany in the University of Dijon.

WE NOTE the recent death of Professor Joseph Gibelli, professor of botany at the University of Turin.

DR. DOMENICO SACCARDO has been called to Bologna as the assistant of Professor Fausto Morini in the botanical garden of the university.

THE distinguished phycologist, J. B. Edouard Bornet, of Paris, celebrated his seventieth birthday on the second of September last.

THE SECOND annual meeting of the Society for Plant Morphology and Physiology will be held at Columbia University, Wednesday to Friday, December 28 to 30.

PROFESSOR DR. C. SCHRÖTER, of Zürich, began about the last of August a tour of the world, intending to visit North America, Japan, China, Java, Sumatra, India, and Egypt.

ACCORDING to the newspapers Professor Dr. Oscar Brefeld of Münster has accepted the call to the University of Breslau as successor to the late Dr. Ferdinand Cohn.—*Bot. Zeit.*

DR. G. VENTURI, the well-known Austrian bryologist, died on the fifth of June. His moss herbarium, containing about 4000 species, and his library were bequeathed to the city of Trent.

DR. ERNST BAUER (Smichow bei Prag, N. C. 961) has begun the issue of a set of exsiccati, entitled *Bryotheca Bohemica*. In the issue of Century I Dr. V. Schiffner and other less known bryologists have cooperated with Dr. Bauer. The price per century is M 14.

FROM the *Forester* we learn that the New York College of Forestry has about thirty-five students taking advantage of its courses. Only two are regularly matriculated in the college, the rest being students of engineering who registered in College of Agriculture to escape fees, intending to change over to the College of Forestry later.

DR. CARL FREIHERR VON TUBEUF, private docent in the university and the technological school of Munich and director of the Bavarian station for plant protection and plant diseases, has been given permission by the government to take a staff position in the biological experiment station for agriculture and forestry connected with the imperial bureau of hygiene at Berlin. He will direct the botanical laboratory.

PROFESSOR DR. G. LEIMBACH, the editor of the *Deutsche botanische Monatsschrift*, announces that, at the end of the year, the journal again comes into his possession as publisher. It will be published as heretofore at *M* 6 per year. The office of publication is at Arnstadt, Thuringia.

THE *Deutsche botanische Monatsschrift* announces in its October number (received late in November) that a most annoying delay has occurred in the issue of the Ascherson-Gräbner *Synopsis* of the flora of central Europe. No explanation is given, but the *Monatsschrift* is authorized to say that, at all events, no additional part is to be issued this year.

MR. W. T. SWINGLE has been commissioned by the United States Department of Agriculture to investigate the agriculture of the countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa which border on the Mediterranean. He is to study the plants cultivated and the methods of culture, in the hope of discovering plants which may be introduced to advantage into America. The work is to be done under Mr. Fairchild's section of seed and plant introduction, and will occupy about six months, after which Mr. Swingle will return to America. During his absence letters may be addressed in care of Thomas Cook & Son, Ludgate Circus, London, E. C.

MR. D. G. FAIRCHILD, formerly special agent in charge of the section of seed and plant introduction, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been assigned, at his own request, to duty as an agricultural explorer. He will visit both coasts of South America, in company with Mr. Barbour Lathrop, of Chicago, to investigate the economic plants of those regions and import stock of the more promising sorts into the United States. Mr. O. F. Cook, formerly Liberian agent of the New York Colonization Society and director of the college and the coffee experiment farm near Monrovia, has been appointed to take charge of the seed and plant introduction work, under the direction of the botanist of the department.

DR. C. F. MILLSPAUGH, of the Field Columbian Museum, is to leave New York about December 20 for the West Indies, where he will spend the winter months in botanical exploration. He is a guest upon the private yacht of Mr. Allison Armour, which will be largely under his direction as to the ports visited. Ample arrangements have been made for rapid and complete collecting, the purpose being not to obtain duplicates, but to secure as complete a representation of the flora as possible. Mr. E. P. Allen, the photographer of the museum, will also accompany the expedition, and will pay special attention to the general ecological features.

The places to be visited are as follows: San Juan de Puerto Rico; San Domingo; Santiago de Cuba; islands of Grand Cayman, Little Cayman, and Cayman Brac; Isle of Pines; Cape Corientes; islands of Cozumel, Mugeris and Holbox; interior of Yucatan as far as Buena Vista Xbac and Chichea Itza; the Alacran Shoals; and Havana.